From:Eleanor Evans Sent:11 Oct 2016 07:17:05 +0100 To:Chris Hawkins Cc:DCEnquiries Subject:FW: The Grove School St Leonard's Dormouse Mitigation Strategy

## Hi Chris,

Please could you complete the report in light of Murrays comments below and add his comments onto idox

Thanks

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From: Murray Davidson
Sent: 10 October 2016 17:13
To: Eleanor Evans; Chris Hawkins
Cc: Mike Hepworth; 'Charlie Dwight'
Subject: RE: The Grove School St Leonard's Dormouse Mitigation Strategy

The submitted dormouse strategy is sufficient to discharge our responsibilities for European Protected species. The mitigation strategy proposes a phased reduction in habitat to ensure a minimal impact on the species, plus significant replanting of habitat. The proposals are accompanied by clear timelines.

This approach is in line with my discussion with the ecologists prior to my going on leave and complies with national guidance.

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From: Eleanor Evans
Sent: 26 September 2016 09:31
To: Mike Hepworth
Cc: Murray Davidson
Subject: FW: The Grove School St Leonard's Dormouse Mitigation Strategy

All,

Hi Mike

Can anyone in your team provide us with a response on this one in Murrays absence?

Kind Regards

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From: Graham Glenn [mailto:Graham.Glenn@eastsussex.gov.uk]
Sent: 21 September 2016 15:58
To: Eleanor Evans
Subject: The Grove School St Leonard's Dormouse Mitigation Strategy

Eleanor

Following up our recent email on delays to this application, I can confirm we have pushed the team here to ensure delivery of a dormouse mitigation strategy well ahead of your cut off date for your October meeting

I am advised Murray Davidson on leave til 10th October but shall be very grateful if we can be assured that officer leave wont delay this decision

Regards

Graham

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From: Charlie Dwight [mailto:charlied@ecologyconsultancy.co.uk]
Sent: 21 September 2016 14:08
To: Mdavidson@hastings.gov.uk
Cc: Paul Dennis
Subject: The Grove School St Leonard's Dormouse Mitigation Strategy

Dear Murray

RE: Planning Application: The Grove, St Leonard's: Dormouse Mitigation Strategy

I understand you requested further information with regards the production of a dormouse mitigation strategy for the above site, following a dormouse survey which was carried out in 2016. The survey as you are aware confirmed the presence of dormice at the site.

I have been commissioned by Miller bourne Architects, working on behalf of East Sussex County County to design an appropriate dormouse mitigation strategy to help further inform the current planning application. I have liaised with the architects and we have allocated land for new and enhanced planting that would provide suitable optimal habitat for dormice. The primary aim of the mitigation strategy is to ensure dormice were retained on site at a favourable conservation status and to ensure there is no net loss of suitable dormouse habitat, occurring as a result of the proposed development.

Please find attached the dormouse mitigation strategy. I would be grateful if you could review the document as matter of some urgency and advise if you have any further concerns that you like addressed/resolved?

Sincere apologies in advance for the pressure applied upon your time but given the very tight timescale in which the planning officer Chris Hawkins requires a response from you (no later than 3rd October 2016), would it be acceptable to call you tomorrow or Friday to discuss the contents of the report to ensure the approach adopted for dormouse present at the site is satisfactory with yourself?

Kind Regards

Charlie

Charlie Dwight Senior Ecologist



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